

I claim:

1. A method for limiting access to resources of a personal computer with an operating system while allowing access to information via a web browser program, comprising:

(a) running on the personal computer a locking program that modifies functions of the web browser program and functions of the operating system to disable functions that allow access to any data file in a memory of the computer other than web browser access to a specified list of URL's until an authenticating input is received by the computer.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising launching the web browser program if it is not already launched.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising a delay from the running of the locking program until it disables functions of the operating system and the web browser program such that disabling is commenced upon expiration of a set amount of time without keyboard or mouse input activity

4. The method of claim 1 where the authenticating input is the input of a password at a keyboard.

5. The method of claim 1 where the specified list contains only one URL.

6. The method of claim 5 where the specified URL is stored in a memory of the personal computer.

7. The method of claim 1 where the keyboard is locked and actions of pointer buttons other than a main button are locked and any other input method is locked except that the only input methods available to a user are pointer movement and main pointer button clicks.

8. The method of claim 7 where the authenticating input is provided by steps comprising:

- (a) moving the pointer to a button at an edge of a screen display, and
- (b) clicking the main pointer button.

9. A method for limiting access to resources of a personal computer with an operating system while allowing access to information via a web browser program, comprising:

(a) running on the personal computer a locking program that modifies functions of the web browser program and functions of the operating system to disable functions that allow access to any user accessible data in a memory of the computer other than web browser access to a web page specified by a first URL and any web page that can be reached by following active links from one page to another until an authenticating input is received by the computer.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising launching the web browser program if it is not already launched.

11. The method of claim 9 further comprising a delay from the running of the locking program until it disables functions of the operating system and the web browser program such that disabling is commenced upon expiration of a set amount of time without keyboard or mouse input activity.

12. The method of claim 9 where the authenticating input is the input of a password at a keyboard.

13. The method of claim 9 where the keyboard is locked and actions of pointer buttons other than a main button are locked and any other input method is locked except that the only input methods available to a user are pointer movement and main pointer button clicks.

14. The method of claim 13 where the authenticating input is provided by steps comprising:

- (a) moving the pointer to a button at an edge of a screen display, and
- (b) clicking the main pointer button.